

House Resolution 1698

By: Representatives Reece of the 11th, Coleman of the 97th, Crawford of the 16th, Dempsey of the 13th, and Loudermilk of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Coosa High School on its 80th anniversary and inviting
2 Principal Sam Sprewell, staff, and students to appear before the House of Representatives;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Fairview School, built in 1922, combined with the local Lavender, Rice, and
5 Prospect schools in 1927 to create a new consolidated school, the Coosa School, named in
6 honor of the Coosa River and the Native American tribe, the Coosa; and

7 WHEREAS, the school burned twice, once in 1933 and again in 1945, and being unable to
8 fund another construction project, the community voted and approved a bond issue to finance
9 the building of a third Coosa School; and

10 WHEREAS, Floyd County Schools opened a new school on a larger piece of land across the
11 highway from Coosa School's original location in 1946; however, the 1950's and 1960's
12 brought industrial growth to Floyd County's Coosa Valley, and the population burgeoned,
13 creating a demand for a new, larger school with expanded facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, in anticipation of a new facility, the Floyd County Board of Education
15 purchased 35 acres approximately two miles east of Coosa High School, and in 1971, the
16 community opened the doors to a new school building that included more than 40 academic
17 classrooms, multiple laboratories, a media center, an auditorium, a cafeteria, an instrumental
18 music room, an administrative office suite, and a football field; and

19 WHEREAS, the students and faculty of Coosa High School have won numerous academic
20 and sports accolades over its 80 year history, including its first state championship in
21 baseball in 1960, its first football state championship in 1961, a second football
22 championship in 1969 at its newly constructed stadium, and Mike Glenn, a member of Coosa
23 High School's 1973 basketball team, became an NBA player for the Atlanta Hawks and later
24 a television sports commentator for ESPN; and

1 WHEREAS, more recently, Coosa High School has been recognized for its academic
2 success, being named a 2003 Georgia School of Excellence, receiving the Class AA
3 Governor's Cup Challenge Award for SAT Excellence in 2004 and 2006, being named the
4 2007 Region 7 Class AA SAT Champion in recognition of SAT scores above the national
5 average, and being named an Advanced Placement Honor School for 2007-2008 by the
6 College Board of Princeton; and

7 WHEREAS, the school's Academic Decathlon Team is on a winning streak, garnering six
8 consecutive local Academic Decathlon titles from 2002 to 2008 and advancing to compete
9 on *High Q*, a televised quiz show on WSB-TV Channel 2 in Atlanta; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2005, the Georgia Department of Education recognized Coosa High School's
11 departments of business and engineering and technology for meeting specific state and
12 national standards, and in 2000, the International Technology Education Association named
13 Coosa High School's technology education department a Program of Excellence, one of only
14 39 programs in the nation; and

15 WHEREAS, the school's dynamic faculty includes former Harvard students, Fulbright
16 Scholars, published authors, and Hall of Fame coaches, and over 50 percent of the faculty
17 holds advanced degrees; and

18 WHEREAS, on May 24, 2008, Coosa High School will graduate its 80th class of scholars
19 and champions, and the faculty and staff, along with the Floyd County Board of Education,
20 will continue to educate future students in Coosa High School's tradition of excellence, a
21 tradition that began with a small community school on the banks of the mighty Coosa River.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body join together in recognizing Coosa High School, its faculty, and
24 its students, past and present, for their many outstanding accomplishments and for the value
25 they have added to their community and this state; congratulate them on their 80th
26 anniversary; and invite them to appear before this body at a date and time designated by the
27 Speaker of the House of Representatives for the purposes of being recognized by the House
28 of Representatives and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.